Carl Albert Loeber was born in 1877 in Iowa. Lena M. Bald was born in 1882 in Illinois. Both immigrated to Connell, Washington at the turn of the century. They were married in 1907 and lived first on Lena’s homestead. Soon Albert took over the operation of his father’s wheat farm and they moved there, five miles from Connell.

When the Church of the Nazarene was started at Connell in the early 1920’s, the Loebers left the German Methodist Church to become a part of the holiness group. The family altar and regular church attendance became a part of the Loeber lifestyle. Church was always top priority and, during wheat harvest, the combine was stopped early on Wednesday so the family and the harvest crew could attend prayer meeting. Over the years, the Loeber farm was the place many Northwest Nazarene College students found summer work. Many of these students later became successful ministers, missionaries and professional men.

The Loeber’s had nine children: Lydia (Neher), Ervin, Otto, William, Edgar, Albert, Paul, Janice (Wilson) and Loren. Christian education for their children was very important to Albert and Lena. They would often deprive themselves and the farm so their children could be in college. Six attended and four graduated from N.N.C. One graduated from Nazarene Theological Seminary and became a minister. Others became educators and farmers.

The Loeber’s were a vital part of the Connell Nazarene Church. Albert served as church secretary while Lena served as Missionary President and taught a boys’ Sunday School class. Their children, along with their spouses, have always had an active part in the Church of the Nazarene, both in the local church and on the district.

Albert died in June 1941 and Lena in July 1969. "Thank you, Mom and Dad, for your love, devotion and sacrificial lives. Your fine Christian example will always be a part of us."

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